ABSTRACT

It is an object of the present invention, e.g., where image file(s) are sent directly to printer(s) from digital camera(s) or other such peripheral equipment and printing of same is automatically carried out thereat, to cause interruption of printing in units of page(s) during battery consumption and to prevent occurrence of wasted printed output.

Camera 10 and printer 20 support DPOF printing, it being possible to instruct printer 20 to print image file(s) from camera 10 without use of an intervening personal computer or the like. Camera 10 issues print cancellation(s) upon determining that continuation of printing has, due to consumption of internal battery 18, become impossible. Printer 20 interrupts current printing session(s) at location(s) serving as convenient division(s) (i.e., in units of page(s) and/or object(s)), and communicates job status information to camera 10. During resumption of printing, job status information and DPOF script file(s) are sent from camera 10 to printer 20, and printing resumes from unprinted portion(s).